



HELSELBEIN PLEASED WITH DECISION TO INCLUDE SLAIN POLICE OFFICER ON NATIONAL MEMORIAL

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State Representative Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) today shares the news that the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) leadership reversed an earlier decision and will now inscribe Wauwatosa Police Officer Jennifer Sabena's name onto the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located in Washington, DC.

Hesselbein noted police officers who die in the line of duty are listed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Officer Sabena's name was submitted to the NLEOMF, an organization dedicated to honoring and remembering the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers in the United States, but the request was initially denied due to the manner of her death: she was gunned down by her spouse while performing patrol duties within her jurisdiction.

The initial decision contradicted the organization's earlier actions of including other law enforcement officers killed in a similar manner, and led to a dramatic grassroots effort by the Wisconsin Professional Police Association, Wisconsin State legislators, government dignitaries, law enforcement officers, emergency responders and citizens who generated over 16,000 signatures protesting the initial decision.

"Her ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty earned her a place on the memorial, and I am delighted the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund reversed their earlier decision," Representative Dianne Hesselbein said. "I am also proud and encouraged that 42 of my legislative colleagues joined me in signing a bipartisan letter supporting Officer Sabena's inclusion."

Officer Sabena's name will be inscribed and officially dedicated at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial's annual candlelight vigil on May 13, 2013.

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